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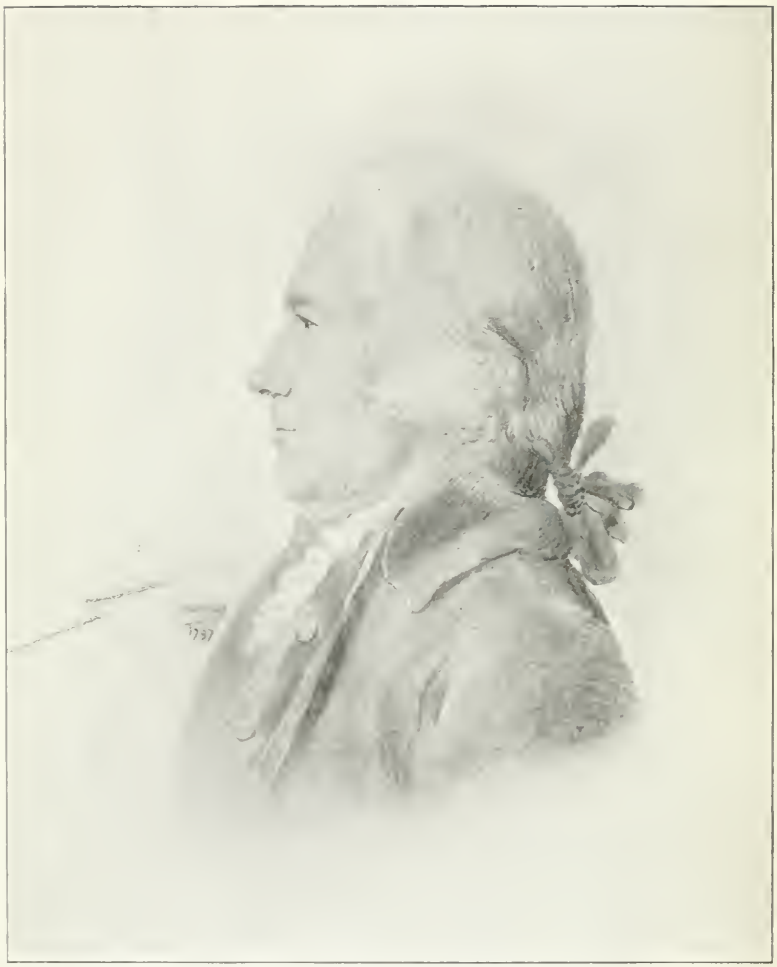

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PREFACE

THE initial volume of the *Index to the Public Papers of George Clinton, First Governor of New York*, being volume IX of the State Historian's *War of the Revolution Series*, was published in 1911. This work included the index from A through F.

For over two years, in spite of the difficulties arising from the destruction of reference books by the fire in the Capitol March 29, 1911, the preparation of the remainder of this index has proceeded. The time has arrived when it is permitted to give to the public the results of the unrelaxed toil and painstaking research of the compiler of this material, Dr Richard E. Day, chief clerk of the Division of History, in whose charge was placed in the beginning, by my predecessor, the deduction of the analytical index from the original text, as printed.

As this work bears a different imprint from its predecessors, it is deemed best, for the clarification of our historical record, to state here that on October 1, 1911, the State Historian's office was transferred by law to the State Education Department (The University of the State of New York) and became the Division of History. Consequently in the future all publications of the State Historian will be issued under the rules of the State Education Department and the auspices of the Chief of the Division of History.

It was originally planned that this index should be completed in one more volume. So that, when the present State Historian took office, he found in type, and all ready for publication, the first part of this index, and accordingly issued it, as planned by his predecessor. While a two volume index is somewhat of an anomaly, existing conditions compel the departure from ordinary forms in this instance.

Included in the present work is an account of the ceremonies attending the reinterment of Governor Clinton at Kingston in 1908, his remains being taken there from Washington, where, in his office of Vice President of the United States, he died in 1812, and was buried for nearly a century. There was also to have been included a list of such Clinton papers as were left from the fire of 1911, and those not yet published by the State; but the present condition of these manuscripts makes that

plan impracticable. A rough list of manuscripts, letters and papers now in possession of other states or historical societies, or which have been printed by historians, so far as their existence has been ascertained through an extended inquiry, has been inserted, in the hope that it may be of some use to students of State history. Likewise a short bibliography of Clinton biography, for the same purpose, is included herein.

It is hoped by the Division of History, in presenting this index for the use of historical scholars, that it may prove to be one of the most useful publications of the kind ever attempted. It is intended to be more than a mere "alphabetical table of the contents of a book." It will be full of value from the genealogical, the geographical or the memorabilia standpoint.

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Given names are supplied in large number; and in the cases of military men the regiment, or corps, in line, levies, or militia, is generally designated. In innumerable instances identify which is not clear in the text or the supplementary matter is established by the indexer, and confusion of individuals having the same or similar names is obviated. Obscure places are located, and the names now borne, as well as the present geographical situations, are indicated where the older names have fallen into disuse.

Certain divisions of the index exhibit interesting summaries of features of the Revolutionary struggle in this State. The matters thus illustrated include the dispute with Vermont, financial relations of the State with the United States, legislation, border warfare and defenses, and the organizations and agencies by which the war was carried on, the army supplied and loyalists held in check.

The present work, covering the alphabet from G through Z, is therefore submitted to the State, the students of its history and the possessors of the preceding volumes of the Clinton Papers by the Division of History as a necessary adjunct in making available the historical treasures contained, but practically hidden, within the covers of the eight volumes, many of whose original texts are now forever lost to mankind.

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PART II

REINTERMENT OF GOVERNOR CLINTON'S REMAINS AT KINGSTON, 1908

THE EXHUMATION

Removing Clinton's Remains at the Congressional Cemetery, Washington, D. C.

REINTERMENT OF GOVERNOR CLINTON AT KINGSTON[1]

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What George Washington was to his country, George Clinton was to his State. In all the great history of this great Commonwealth, three names stand out most prominently in the list of capable, able men and patriots, who have filled the executive chair at the State capital. George Clinton, Daniel D. Tompkins and Samuel J. Tilden must ever be considered pre-eminent as doers in the fabrication of the permanent civil, military and politico-moral structure of the State's being.

In his introduction to the first volume of the "Public Papers of George Clinton," Hugh Hastings, then State Historian, well said:

No man was ever more honored by his State and the people of his State than was George Clinton. Not only was he chosen the first Governor under the constitution, and Lieutenant Governor at the same time, but he continuously held the chief magistracy of the State from 1777 to 1795. His popularity was phenomenal, and his record as Governor has never been equaled in the matter of no opposition. In 1780, in 1783, and in 1786, he was reelected without having an opponent against him. . . .

In 1792, General Clinton was again a candidate, but failed to obtain a majority over his competitor, John Jay. Six senators and six members of Assembly, selected by their respective houses, constituted the canvassing committee. Objections having been made to the returns from Clinton, Otsego and Tioga counties, on the ground of alleged informalities, the two United States senators from New York, Rufus King and Col. Aaron Burr, were chosen as referees, but failed to agree.

The majority of the canvassers thereupon decided to reject the votes from the counties mentioned, and rewarded General Clinton with a certificate of election on an alleged majority of 108. Subsequently it was learned that in the county of Otsego a number of illegal votes had been cast for Judge Jay, through the influence of a number of distinguished official

[1] In compiling this sketch a liberal use has been made, by permission, of the material contained in volume 4 of "Olde Ulster," edited by Benjamin M. Brink, Kingston (1908), and the newspaper accounts of the Clinton obsequies contained in the Kingston Daily Freeman for Saturday, May 30, 1908, for which the History Division is indebted to Edward L. Merritt, of the city of Kingston.

persons who had used their influence without Judge Jay's knowledge, in terrorizing voters who would have supported General Clinton.

On January 22, 1795, General Clinton, in a public address to the freeholders of the State, declined a renomination for Governor, on the ground that for nearly thirty years successively he had held elective offices, and that he now desired to retire from public life. But in 1800 he was persuaded to run for the Assembly in the city and county of New York. The following year he again stood for the office of Governor, and was elected over General Stephen Van Rensselaer.[1]

In 1804 he was chosen Vice President on the same ticket with Thomas Jefferson. In 1808, when James Madison was elected President, Clinton was again selected as Vice President. His most prominent act in that capacity was his deciding vote against the charter of the United States bank, during the congressional session of 1810-11. While still Vice President, his death occurred on April 20, 1812, from pneumonia.

At the centennial celebration held at Kingston July 30, 1877, Brevet Major General George H. Sharpe, in his address, eloquently said: "In the middle watches of this summer night, to the imaginative ear the sound of strange footsteps will be borne. If you will listen carefully, you will hear the measured steps of Peter Stuyvesant, as he comes marching up from Roundout with fifty soldiers to save the Esopus. The stately tread of John Jay and the fathers will be discerned as they seek to revisit the scenes of their patriotic endeavor; but, if you descry their forms, the most resolute and authoritative figure of them all will be that of George Clinton, of Ulster, seven times governor of the Empire State and twice Vice President of the Union."[2]

At the time of that celebration, however, though the shadowy form recalled to existence by General Sharpe might have lent its spiritual approval and approbation to that stirring and patriotic memorial observance, still the corporeal part of this remarkable soldier, patriot and executive was far away on the banks of the turbid Potomac. Of all the distinguished sons of New York who have died away from home at their posts, Governor Clinton, as he was, and is, best known to us, alone had been laid away for his last sleep in what was for him an alien soil.

So far as is now known, no attempt was ever made officially to bring back to the State of his birth and importance, the remains of Governor and Vice President Clinton. Up to the year 1908, the body, over which

[1] Public Papers of George Clinton, 1:184-85.
Centennial Celebrations of the State of New York, Albany (1879), p. 50.

had been erected a suitable and appropriate monument, reposed in the cemetery of Old Christ's Church, known as the Congressional Cemetery, in Washington.

December 10, 1907, however, at a meeting held in Kingston by the board of trade of that city, the first steps were taken to celebrate the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of the founding of that place, on May 31, 1658. At this time the matter of bringing back to Kingston the Clinton remains for reinterment in the city where he was inaugurated as the first Governor of New York, was brought up by the editor of "Olde Ulster." Subsequently the board of trade held a public meeting at the courthouse, and on January 6, 1908, a committee of fifty-nine on "Plan and scope of the celebration" was appointed, from which fifteen persons were selected to act as an executive committee.

The removal of Governor Clinton's remains to Kingston having been decided upon, the next four months were devoted to corresponding with the descendants of Governor Clinton, whose names had been obtained through Louis Franklin Genet, a great grandson. This somewhat laborious task was finished about the middle of April. On April 23d, just before the adjournment of the State Legislature of that year, an item was placed in the annual supply bill[1] appropriating $500 to cover the expense of bringing the remains, and the monument surmounting them, to Kingston from Washington. This was later passed, and was approved by Governor Charles E. Hughes.

On May 7th the remains and monument were legally turned over by the proper authorities to Louis Franklin Genet, representing the heirs, at the city of Washington.

The monument was taken down by an expert and shipped to Kingston by rail, where it arrived without injury May 18th, and the work of reerecting it was begun.

On May 11th the grave was opened and the remains in a lead casket found fairly well preserved, although an opening was discovered in the casket, supposedly made by the entrance of a tree root, which had allowed water to enter, that, combining with the rotten black walnut of the box, had made a lye, partly disintegrating the remains. An official but partial autopsy was made under the direction of the surgeon general of the United States army, and the cause of death was found to have been pneumonia, as before stated.

[1] Chapter 466, Laws of 1908.

The United States government having been interested in the matter, orders were issued by the various departments that Vice President Clinton should be paid the funeral honors due a brigadier general, which was his rank in the continental army.

Back in Kingston, meanwhile, the following local committee was appointed to act for the city, at Washington: Mayor Walter P. Crane, Benjamin M. Brink, Samuel D. Coykendall, Alphonso T. Clearwater, James H. Everett and DuBois G. Atkins. Herbert Carl was afterwards substituted for Mayor Crane, who was unable to attend.

After the autopsy the remains were returned to the lead casket, which was inclosed in one of copper, covered by one of polished wood. After resting in the receiving vault of the Congressional Cemetery, they were taken on May 27th to the mortuary chapel. After prayer by Chaplain Roswell Randall Hoes, U. S. N., a guard of honor, under First Lieutenant Spurgian, consisting of twelve men selected from the United States artillery corps, took charge of the remains, by command of the war department, pending their being turned over officially to the State of New York.

Very elaborate military honors were paid the remains in Washington, which were said to have been the greatest since the funeral of President McKinley. Major General J. Franklin Bell, chief of staff of the United States army, was in charge. He was assisted by " Major General William P. Duvall, general staff corps, chief of staff with other officers of the staff, Colonel Charles A. P. Hatfield, 13th cavalry, the 17th, 44th, 47th and 104th companies, United States coast artillery, four companies United States marines, one company seamen from the United States steamer 'Mayflower,' a detachment hospital corps of the United States army, the Marine band, two batteries United States field artillery, three troops United States cavalry, the cadets of Washington High School, the carriage of President Roosevelt with one of his staff, the board of commissioners of the District of Columbia, the board of trade and the chamber of commerce of the District of Columbia and all the patriotic societies and the Grand Army of the Republic." [1]

Upon the casket were placed magnificent floral emblems presented by President Roosevelt, Governor Hughes of New York, Governor Stuart of Pennsylvania, Governor Fort of New Jersey, the Society of Colonial Dames, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the Ameri-

[1] " Olde Ulster," Kingston (1908), 4:210.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

The procession passing the Capitol in Washington

can Revolution, Mrs Donald MacLean, the president general of that society, the Order of the Cincinnati, the descendants of Governor Clinton, Wiltwyck Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, and many others. These remembrances accompanied the remains to Kingston.

The procession was several miles long. Congress having adjourned for the occasion, as the cortege passed the Capitol, Vice President Fairbanks, the senators and representatives, stood with uncovered heads. At the railroad station the casket passed under an arch of flags held by patriotic women, who covered it with roses, laurel and other flowers. Under an American flag as a pall, guarded by artillerymen, the remains on the first stage of their journey, accompanied by representatives of the family and the Kingston committee, were taken to Jersey City on the afternoon of May 27th, upon the Pullman car "Olympia." The morning of the 28th they were placed upon the revenue cutter "Manhattan," escorted by Collector of the Port Edward S. Fowler, his deputy, representatives of the Clinton family, the Kingston committee and others, and carried to the Battery, New York City. Fitting ceremonies had been arranged for and were carried out here by Mayor McClellan and the New York officials. Under the command of Major General Frederick D. Grant, U. S. A., the remains were taken by the way of Whitehall street, past Fraunces Tavern, through Board, Pearl and Wall streets to Broadway and to the City Hall, where they were placed in front of the portrait of Clinton in the Governors' room. "The Old Guard was prominent in the procession in their showy uniforms. The 15th cavalry, United States army, a number of companies of United States artillery, companies of the naval militia, of the marines, officers and men of the naval vessels in the harbor of New York, the National Guard, the various societies of colonial wars, Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Revolution, Sons of the War of 1812, the Order of the Cincinnati, St Nicholas Society, the Holland Society and many others, all on foot, escorted the body to the City Hall, where it lay in state until four o'clock in the afternoon."[1]

As the body passed through the streets, the churches of the vicinity tolled their bells and the chimes of Trinity rang out. It is estimated that more than forty thousand persons passed by the casket during the time it lay in state, paying their last respects to the historic dead.

[1] "Olde Ulster," Kingston (1908), 4:209–11.

A contemporary historian says: "On May 29th the remains were brought up the Hudson on the gunboat 'Wasp,' convoyed by the 'Scorpion' and the 'Hist,' and a flotilla of torpedo boats and submarines. As the vessels weighed anchor, the salute of nineteen guns for a Vice President was fired. This was repeated at Yonkers, Tarrytown, West Point, Newburgh and Esopus. At the naval reservation at Iona island the garrison was lined up on the wharf; at West Point the cadets were in line and all along the river the colors were at half mast. Every vessel passed, saluted. No such cortege ever passed up the Hudson. It was a fitting mark of respect paid to the defender of the Highlands throughout the long years of the Revolutionary War. Lieutenant Governor Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler accompanied the remains as the representative of Governor Hughes."[1]

Anchoring off Kingston Point for the night, the body was brought into Roundout creek on the tug "Rob," and early the next afternoon was borne from the boat by eight sergeants from the United States army post at Fort Hamilton, Company M, New York State militia, commanded by Captain Everett Fowler, acting as the military escort. The three previous days had been clear and beautiful. As usual, however, on Memorial or Decoration day, Saturday proved to be rainy.

The ceremonies for the State of New York were in charge of Adjutant General Nelson H. Henry. The body was taken to the gun caisson upon which it was to be borne to the final resting place, and, in spite of the drenching rain, the procession started up Broadway at 1.30 p. m.; following the body came the Second Battery artillery, the naval officers and Lieutenant Governor Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler, representing Governor Hughes; next came Adjutant General Henry with two aides-de-camp, followed by Ex-governor Hill, the orator of the day; then the living descendants of Governor Clinton in carriages. The citizens' committee, officers of Ulster county, board of supervisors, common council and city officers brought up the rear. At the City Hall, Colonel John I. Pruyn, of the Tenth regiment, and Company E, Catskill, Company A, Albany, Company G, Yonkers, Company F, Hudson, Company C, Albany, Company D, Albany, Company L, White Plains, and Company L, Newburgh, of the First regiment, fell into line, the whole civic and military procession then proceeding to the churchyard of the First Reformed Church, where,

[1] "Olde Ulster," Kingston (1908), 4:212.

GOING HOME

The revenue cutter *Manhattan*, conveying the remains from Jersey City to the Battery, at New York, May 28, 1908 (The guard of honor furnished by the War Department, U. S.)

previously, under the direction of William S. Green, one of the committee, " a concrete foundation for the monument, a cube ten feet each way, with a chamber in the center for the casket " had been erected, and the monument placed upon it, its replacement beginning on May 18th and being completed on May 20th. Here the procession halted, the usual military lines were formed and the body taken between them to the receptacle prepared for it. The pastor of the Old Dutch Church, the Rev. Dr J. G. VanSlyke, offered the invocation and read the committal service at the grave. The remains having been lowered into the tomb, Company M fired a volley, the Vice President's salute of nineteen guns was fired by a detachment of artillery, " taps " were sounded, and those present then adjourned to the courthouse for the remainder of the services, because of the inclement weather. Later the vault in the foundation of the tomb was sealed up with cement, so that the hero now sleeps his last sleep, within this solid block of artificial stone, in the city where he had served as the first Governor of New York State, and not far removed from the home of his childhood, and the historic scenes within which much of his active life was spent.

At the courthouse Benjamin M. Brink, who had been previously introduced by Judge A. T. Clearwater as the committee's selection for chairman of the exercises of the day, because of his efforts to secure the removal of Clinton's remains to New York State, before introducing former Governor David B. Hill, said: " George Clinton has come home. On the steps of the courthouse yonder he was inaugurated the first Governor of New York State. In this county he was born. It was Ulster's greatest gift to America and the cause of liberty. Here has been brought his material monument. It shows the signs of age and decay. But look around you and see the monument he erected, which grows more magnificent with passing years. Look from Montauk to Lake Erie; from Rouse's Point to Sandy Hook; look from the ' ragged Continentals ' to the legions of blue who marched along Pennsylvania avenue in 1865; look from this town in ruins in 1777 to imperial New York today, and see the monument to George Clinton, the creator and founder of this State. There is a still grander structure. It is his spendid services. It is his exalted character."

Governor Hill, being introduced, spoke as follows:

I conceive it to be my duty on this occasion to express to those responsible for these exercises my appreciation of the honor conferred in my

selection to speak concerning the life and public services of New York's greatest citizen of Revolutionary memory. George Clinton was the first Governor of the State of New York, his entire period of service being twenty-one years — the longest in its history, the next longest being that of Governor Daniel D. Tompkins, who served during ten years, and the next longest being that of DeWitt Clinton, a nephew of General Clinton, who served during nine years, and the next longest being that of my own service of seven years in the governorship; this fact, I assume, probably influenced my selection as appropriate for this occasion rather than any other consideration or any special merit of my own.

The history of Clinton as general and Governor is largely the early history of the State itself. Born in the (then) county of Ulster in this State in 1739, he was destined by his father for the legal profession, and was in due time admitted to the bar and commenced the practice of his profession in his native county, wherein he soon achieved much professional success, became an unusually popular citizen and had troops of friends and followers. Young Clinton became a member from his county to the New York colonial legislature, and was subsequently elected a delegate to the Continental Congress.

It seems needless to inform this intelligent audience that when the aggressions of Great Britain became so frequent and unbearable that they had to be resisted, Clinton enthusiastically espoused the cause of the colonies. It is said that his father, on his dying bed, had urged him " to stand by the liberties of America " when the conflict should come, and no son ever obeyed the injunction of a beloved parent more loyally and fearlessly than he. He perilled life and fortune in the defense of the patriots' cause. He also served in the second Continental Congress and voted for the Declaration of Independence, but, because of the British invasion of New York and the divisions caused by the loyalists who sympathized with or supported the cause of Great Britain, he hastened home to assume the command of the militia of Ulster county, he having then been appointed a brigadier general, which absence from the Continental Congress prevented his signature appearing on the Declaration of Independence itself.

Senator Lodge, in his admirable " Story of the Revolution," speaking of the second Continental Congress, says: " There came from New York George Clinton and Robert Livingston, who were to play conspicuous parts in the Revolution and in the early years of the new nation which sprang from it."

The constitution of the State of New York having been adopted in 1777, the next year General Clinton was elected Governor with great unanimity. It is clear that no better selection could have been made. His high character, his distinguished services, his personal popularity and his exalted patriotism rendered his selection inevitable. The ship of state was thus successfully launched under the lead of its greatest captain, in whom the people had unbounded confidence. It was here in

Kingston that the first State Legislature met and here that Governor Clinton delivered his first official address. We thus truly stand upon historic ground today, made glorious by great events and a thousand revolutionary memories. The British troops were already in possession of New York City, and it was here and all along this magnificent Hudson river that devolved the duty upon the patriotic citizen soldiery to protect the country farther north from the ravages of the British troops. It was the desire of the great American commander in chief, General Washington, at a critical period of the war to prevent a union of the British forces under Lord Howe, then in southern New York, with those of General Burgoyne, who was marching toward Albany from the north. Had that union been effected before the battle of Saratoga, that brilliant and decisive victory for our arms might have been turned into a disastrous defeat which would have delayed or imperilled the final success of the American cause. It was especially the province of Clinton, in charge of the militia forces of New York, to harass, annoy, impede and delay the British forces in southern New York from joining their associates in the north, to the end that Burgoyne should not be reinforced before the engagement with General Gates at Saratoga. Without descending into particulars, it is sufficient to state generally that General Clinton faithfully, energetically and successfully performed the special mission assigned to him. He commanded at Fort Montgomery while his brother James (also a general) commanded at Fort Clinton. John Fiske, in his great work on the American Revolution, tells us of General George Clinton going down from Peekskill to the aid of Washington and driving the British out of Hackensack, New Jersey, and occupying it. He seemed to have been no respecter of state rights in time of war when the whole country was endangered by a foreign foe, while in peace he was the earnest champion of that doctrine. The struggle for American independence is too familiar to an intelligent American audience to require details of its history. There were defeats as well as victories. There were many dark days and many periods of discouragement and tribulation; there were occasional victories achieved and advantages secured which brightened the prospects of ultimate success. Neither is it necessary to enter upon a specification of the gallant deeds performed and the eminent services rendered by him in whose honor we are assembled today. It is sufficient to state that the one most conspicuous figure throughout the whole revolutionary struggle, so far as New York was concerned, was its soldier-governor, George Clinton. He was the embodiment of courage, he was the friend of liberty for liberty's sake alone; he hated England, not from any natural antipathy to that country, but because that powerful monarchy was oppressing his people whom he loved.

At last the final victory came. The surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown was soon followed by the recognition of American independence. On the evacuation of New York City by the British in 1783, General

Clinton entered the city riding side by side with Washington, at the head of the civil and military procession which paraded the streets. The struggles of war had ceased, to be followed, however, by the trials and victories of peace, and we know that

> "Peace hath her victories
> No less renowned than war."

And conspicuous as had been General Clinton in the time of war, he was not less conspicuous in the time of peace in the solution of the great problems of the government which confronted the people at the close of the war.

Although the independence of the states had been secured under the Articles of Confederation between the states, there was a general consensus of opinion that a better and stronger form of government was necessary. There was a desire to form "a more perfect union" in order better to "provide for the common defence" and "to promote the general welfare," and not only to provide "the blessings of liberty" for themselves, but to their "posterity." In other words, there was a general recognition of the fact that a stronger government in some respects was desirable, in order to inaugurate and perpetuate the beneficent purposes for which independence had been secured.

A convention of the states was called for that purpose, to which delegates from the several states were sent. This convention developed serious differences of opinion as to the powers which should be conferred upon the new government in the proposed constitution. The differences seemed at times to be radical and irreconcilable.

There were those, like General Hamilton, who personally preferred, if not a limited monarchy, at least a constitution providing for a president who should hold his office for life, while on the other hand there were others who not only opposed such an unrepublican or monarchial provision, but desired more protection for individual rights and liberties, in which respect it was claimed that the proposed constitution was lamentably defective.

A constitution was finally perfected which was not wholly satisfactory to a majority of the delegates, but preferable to the previous Articles of Confederation, and it was submitted for the ratification of the several states.

New York's convention to pass upon the propriety of the adoption of such constitution was called to meet at Poughkeepsie, and General Clinton, although already the Governor of the State, was elected from Ulster county to such convention, and such was his universal popularity throughout the State that he was unanimously elected to preside over its deliberations.

The constitution as proposed by the federal convention was finally approved by the New York convention by a majority of only three votes. It is conceded that Governor Clinton exercised all his great influence in

Painted by John Trumbull

GOVERNOR GEORGE CLINTON

(In the Governor's Room, City Hall, New York City)

opposition to it, and that he was unsuccessful. It must also be conceded that his opposition was neither captious nor unpatriotic, but that on the other hand it proceeded from the best and purest motives. He was honestly opposed to the alleged unnecessary and dangerous centralization of power in the general government; he believed that in the respective states should be reserved all the powers not absolutely essential to the safety, perpetuity and efficiency of the federal government; he had opposed a British monarchy and he failed to see the difference, except in name, between a British and an American monarchy possessing substantially the same functions and powers or capable of becoming such by judicial or legislative construction. But above all these considerations he earnestly desired the adoption of certain amendatory provisions for the better protection of private rights, which he deemed had not been sufficiently safeguarded in the proposed constitution, and he wanted a provision explicitly guarding against implied constructions whereby powers not expressly delegated might, nevertheless, be construed to have been granted.

In further vindication of the patriotism and foresight of Governor Clinton and his friends, it should be stated that while the convention by a bare majority of three votes concluded, in form, to ratify the constitution as it was proposed, it unanimously authorized the adoption of a manifesto called a "circular letter" to be sent to the governors of the several states in the Union suggesting the calling of another national convention for the adoption of certain amendments desired by the New York convention.

Afterwards such a convention was found to be unnecessary as a sufficient number of states subsequently adopted the amendments desired by Governor Clinton, and they thereby became a part of the federal constitution.

The following was the preamble adopted by the Congress of the United States in submitting the Clinton amendments to the legislatures of the several states, namely:

"The conventions of a number of the states having, at the time of their adopting the constitution, expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added, and as extending the ground of public confidence in the government will best insure the beneficent ends of its institution."

A brief consideration of the nature and purpose of the amendments insisted upon by Governor Clinton, as a condition of the ratification of the original constitution, further vindicates his patriotism, statesmanship and foresight.

Article first guaranteed religious freedom and forbade congress from ever making any law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the exercises thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or of the right of the people to assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Article second declares that the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

Article third protects the rights of the individual citizen and declares that no soldier shall, in time of peace, be quartered in any house without the consent of the owner, nor in time of war but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Article fourth guarantees the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, and provides that no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized.

Article fifth is one of the most valuable provisions of the federal constitution engrafted upon it by the Clinton amendments, and declares that no person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, and further provides that no person shall be subject for the same offense to be twice in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall he be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself; nor be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation.

Article sixth further protects the rights of citizens by declaring that in all criminal prosecutions the accused shall enjoy the right of a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law; and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have assistance of counsel for his defense.

Article seventh provides that in suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved.

Article ninth provides that the enumeration in the constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

And lastly article tenth, which is one of the most important of all the amendments or provisions incorporated in the federal constitution, provides that "The powers not delegated to the United States by the constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people." This amendment was intended to prevent the changing of the constitution by judicial construction rather than by amendment. It constitutes the sheet anchor of American liberty. In other words, any power sought to be exercised by a president, a congress, or other federal authority, which has not been either delegated to the United States nor prohibited by the constitution to the states, either expressly or by necessary implication, must be conclusively regarded as not existing in federal

authority, but as being reserved to the states or to the people. This is the doctrine that Clinton especially insisted should be engrafted into the federal constitution. It correctly declares the true nature of our form of government. It constitutes the shield and protection of the citizen from federal usurpation.

Now that the misunderstandings and animosities incident to that constitutional controversy have passed away and almost been forgotten, it seems strange indeed that intelligent men but recently emerged from the oppressions of British tyranny could have expected a free people to hastily approve a constitution which as originally proposed, did not more fully or adequately protect and guarantee the rights and liberties of the private citizen. But the subsequent amendments proposed by Clinton and his friends largely cured the difficulty, and Clinton was satisfied as well as vindicated by their adoption.

In view of these and the other great achievements to which I have alluded, it was not left to posterity alone to do honor to Clinton. He was highly honored not only by his native state, but by the nation as well.

At the second presidential election, when Washington was a candidate for reelection, and John Adams was again a candidate for Vice President, such was the prominence and popularity of General Clinton that he actually received fifty electoral votes for Vice President as against seventy for John Adams; and when in the third presidential election, in which John Adams was a candidate for President and Jefferson was a candidate for Vice President, General Clinton, although not really a candidate for either President or Vice President, nevertheless received seven electoral votes. In the presidential election of 1804, when Jefferson was elected President for the second time, George Clinton was elected Vice President, receiving 162 electoral votes, being the same number as Jefferson received. In 1808, when Madison was elected President, General Clinton was reelected Vice President, receiving 113 electoral votes and Madison receiving 122. The truth is that he was more than a political leader in New York; he was a great national character, having a large following all over the country.

In the office of Vice President General Clinton discharged its duties with signal ability — more than meeting the high expectations of his hosts of friends. He made a capable and efficient presiding officer in the Senate of the United States; he was firm in the discharge of his duty, courteous to friend and foe alike; and he was universally respected even by his political opponents. While president of the Senate he was called upon to give the casting vote which decided adversely the fate of the measure renewing the charter of the Bank of the United States. He could have called some senator to the chair and thereby have escaped responsibility to some extent. He had, however, never been a coward in war and he disdained to become a coward in peace. He was opposed to the measure, and he did not affect to conceal his hostility. He met the issue boldly and did his duty as he understood it, winning the respect of friends and opponents alike by the

ability and terseness of the brief speech he made giving the reasons for his action. Let me read it to you. It is as follows:

"Gentlemen: As the subject on which I am called upon to decide has excited great sensibility, I must solicit the indulgence of the Senate, while I briefly state the reasons which influence my judgment.

"Permit me to observe that the question to be decided does not depend simply upon the right of Congress to establish under any modification, a bank, but upon their power to establish a national bank, as contemplated by this bill. In other words, can they create a body politic and corporate, not constituting a part of the government, nor otherwise responsible to it but by forfeiture of charter, and bestow on its members privileges, immunities and exemptions not recognized by the laws of the states, nor enjoyed by the citizens generally?

"It can not be doubted that Congress may pass all necessary and proper laws for carrying into execution the powers specifically granted to the government, or to any department or officer thereof; but in doing so the means must be suited and subordinate to the end. The power to create corporations is not expressly granted, it is a high attribute of sovereignty, and in its nature not accessorial or derivative by implication, but primary and independent.

"I can not believe that this interpretation of the constitution will, in any degree, defeat the purposes for which it was framed; on the contrary, it does appear to me that the opposite exposition has an inevitable tendency to consolidation, and affords just and serious cause of alarm.

"In the course of a long life I have found that government is not to be strengthened by an assumption of doubtful powers; but by a wise and energetic execution of those which are incontestable, the former never fails to produce suspicion and distrust, while the latter inspires respect and confidence.

"If, however, after a fair experiment, the powers vested in the government shall be found incompetent to the attainment of the objects for which it was instituted, the constitution happily furnishes the means for remedying the evil by amendment; and I have no doubt that, in such event, on an appeal to the patriotism and good sense of the community, it will be wisely applied.

"I will not trespass upon the patience of the Senate any longer than to say, from the best examination I have been able to give the subject, I am constrained by a sense of duty to decide in the affirmative; that is, that the first section of the bill be stricken out."

The wonderful career of Clinton closed in 1812. At last he met the only foe which he could not conquer. He died while Vice President of the United States, in the city of Washington, on the 20th of April 1812, in the seventy-third year of his age, regretted and mourned by the people of the whole country whom he had served so long and faithfully. Upon

IN WASHINGTON

The Clinton monument as it stood in the old cemetery of Christ Church (The "Congressional Cemetery" of Washington, D. C.)

learning of his decease, the temporary president of the United States Senate addressed that body, and his remarks, found in the 23d volume of the "Annals of Congress," were as follows:

"Gentlemen: Upon me devolves the painful duty of announcing to the Senate the death of our venerable fellow-citizen, George Clinton, Vice President of the United States. By this afflictive dispensation of Divine Providence the Senate is deprived of a president rendered dear to each of its members by the dignity and impartiality with which he has so long presided over their deliberations; and the nation bereaved of one of the brightest luminaries of its glorious revolution."

His funeral was attended by both houses of Congress in a body, and by a vast concourse of people, and universal sorrow prevailed throughout the land. He was buried in the Congressional Cemetery at Washington, where his remains have ever since rested until now.

Upon the monument subsequently erected at Washington to his memory there was contained this inscription:

"To the memory of George Clinton. He was born in the State of New York on the 26th of July 1739, and died in the city of Washington on the 20th of April 1812, in the seventy-third year of his age. He was a soldier and statesman of the Revolution. Eminent in council, and distinguished in war, he filled with unexampled usefulness, purity and ability among many other offices, those of Governor of his native state and of Vice President of the United States. While he lived, his virtue, wisdom and valor were the pride, the ornament, and security of his country, and when he died he left an illustrious example of a well-spent life, worthy of all imitation."

If you ask me whether Clinton in his long and eventful career was without enemies, I answer no, emphatically no! He lived a life of strife; he was a man of positive convictions, and had opinions of his own, and he necessarily made enemies. It should be recollected that he was for many years the conceded leader of a great political party in his State, and such leadership invariably engenders misunderstandings and creates animosities. He was unquestionably ambitious, but at the same time he sought the public good. He could have filled with great credit any position in the land. He would have honored the presidency itself. He never resorted to the arts of the demagogue, but the people of their own volition largely believed in and followed him. In those early days the municipal political boss — uneducated, corrupt, imperious — who seeks the control of political organizations for purposes of plunder and personal aggrandizement, had not yet appeared. He is the product of modern times, and his presence is the bane of any political party to which he attaches himself. Political leadership requires capacity, but it also requires sincerity and honesty. Public men are not to be accurately measured by the mere fact

of the number of the enemies they have made, but the true estimate of their character is rather to be found in the great things which they have accomplished, in the good which they have wrought, and in the valuable services which they have rendered their state or country during a long and useful career. A public man without enemies is apt to be one without friends. Such a personage must have been derelict or cowardly in the discharge of official or private duty. I am reminded of the words of the poet:

> "He has no enemies, you say;
> He who hath mingled in the fray
> Of duty, that the brave endure,
> Must have made foes. If he has none,
> Small is the work that he had done.
> He has hit no traitor on the hip,
> He has cast no cup from perjured lip:
> He has never turned the wrong to right,
> He has been a coward in the fight."

As a statesman Clinton was farsighted and always sought to promote what he sincerely believed to be the best and truest interests of his whole country. If you ask me what were his special characteristics, I answer (if I may use a modern and common expression) it was his "level-headedness" at all times and under all circumstances. He was remarkably free from the faults of the present day; he was never accused of usurping functions not properly belonging to the official positions which he held; he was never "hysterical" either in public or private station; he knew and respected the limitations and restrictions upon his official authority. And above and beyond everything else he possessed this most admirable quality in a public man — he knew enough to know that he did not know it all. As chief executive of the State during nearly a quarter of a century he was vigilant in the discharge of public duty; he was the friend of education and internal improvements. It was in pursuance of his recommendations that the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York was established by an act passed as early as in 1784, and it is said that his recommendations in regard to developing the resources of New York, and especially its water navigation, led his great nephew, DeWitt Clinton, to formulate the policy which eventuated in the construction of the Erie canal, at one time the great pride and glory of our State.

A few words more and I am done.

It is indeed fitting that George Clinton should be buried in the soil of his native State — in his own great Empire State — in his beloved county of Ulster, and in this beautiful valley of the Hudson which was endeared to him by a thousand tender memories and associations, and which was

AT NEW YORK

Landing the body of Clinton at the Battery

the scene of his early struggles and triumphs. He will now rest among the descendants of his old neighbors and friends whom he loved so well.

All honor to those public-spirited and patriotic citizens who first suggested the propriety of the transfer of his remains to this historic and beautiful spot!

The State of New York accepts the trust confided to it, and while time endures will preserve these sacred remains as well as guard and cherish the memory of its most beloved and eminent son. It is safe to say that his fame will endure as long as our free institutions exist, and that his good name will ever live in the hearts and affections of the people.

"His country is his monument."

At the conclusion of Governor Hill's address, Mr Brink introduced Sutherland G. Taylor of Mount Vernon, N. Y., who said:

Volumes have been written of the heroic deeds and signal services of the men of 1776, that time in the early history of our country that tried men's souls.

To these men of determined character, courageous spirit, men of moral force and sterling worth and of sincere and devoted patriotism, we owe the manifold blessings we now enjoy in this great republic.

They first sounded the note of liberty and ceased not until the whole world acknowledged that the great fight in the cause of freedom had been won — heritage bequeathed to the people of today, unparalleled in the history of mankind.

George Clinton was essentially a product of his times. Bold and courageous in military life, a wise, conservative and constructive force, of sound judgment in administrative and executive capacity, of commanding presence and great physical strength, great energy and moral force of character, he wielded vast influence and inspired confidence in the people. It is said of him that nothing could dissuade or turn him from his object or purpose where the issues concerned were for the benefit of his country and State. It was characteristic. He was a friend of literature, as it was then styled, and was deeply interested in and fully appreciated the great importance of education and the uplifting of the masses. His knowledge of men and human events convinced him that the safety and perpetuation of our free institutions and republican form of government depended solely upon the education and knowledge possessed by the people. So determined was he that education should be free to all and widespread, that in his message at the opening of the State Legislature in 1795, he initiated the movement for the organization of the common school system of this State. The work he thus begun was afterwards carried on and developed with great energy and success by his nephew and at one time private secretary, Gov-

ernor De Witt Clinton, as is well known. It is said that George Clinton was a "home ruler." He certainly was a strong advocate of state rights. The clearness of his vision, his prophetic foresight, admonished him that the future power, greatness and dignity of the federal government depended upon the progress and development made by the several states.

Clinton was rightly called the war Governor — he organized the military forces throughout the State, led them in the field of action, was constantly in the saddle, and during the Revoluntary War, administered the affairs of the State in the march or at military posts.

It is a tradition in the Clinton family handed down from mother to child, that Clinton was a God-fearing man — he was, we know, a devoted and loving husband, an affectionate father, of strong and enduring friendships and possessed a winning and magnetic personality.

He has been pictured by some historians as intolerant, domineering and unsympathetic. We must not forget in this connection that the struggle was intense and he was sorely tried, surrounded by enemies and spies and men disloyal to the cause to which he and his compatriots had pledged themselves, their lives and sacred honor, their all — for truly Clinton could have said as did Benjamin Franklin at the signing of the Declaration of Independence, "We must now stand together or we hang singly or collectively." Clinton had the courage of his convictions and did things. Adverse criticisms did not deter him from his purpose, let the result be what it may. We need not go very far to find parallels in our own times.

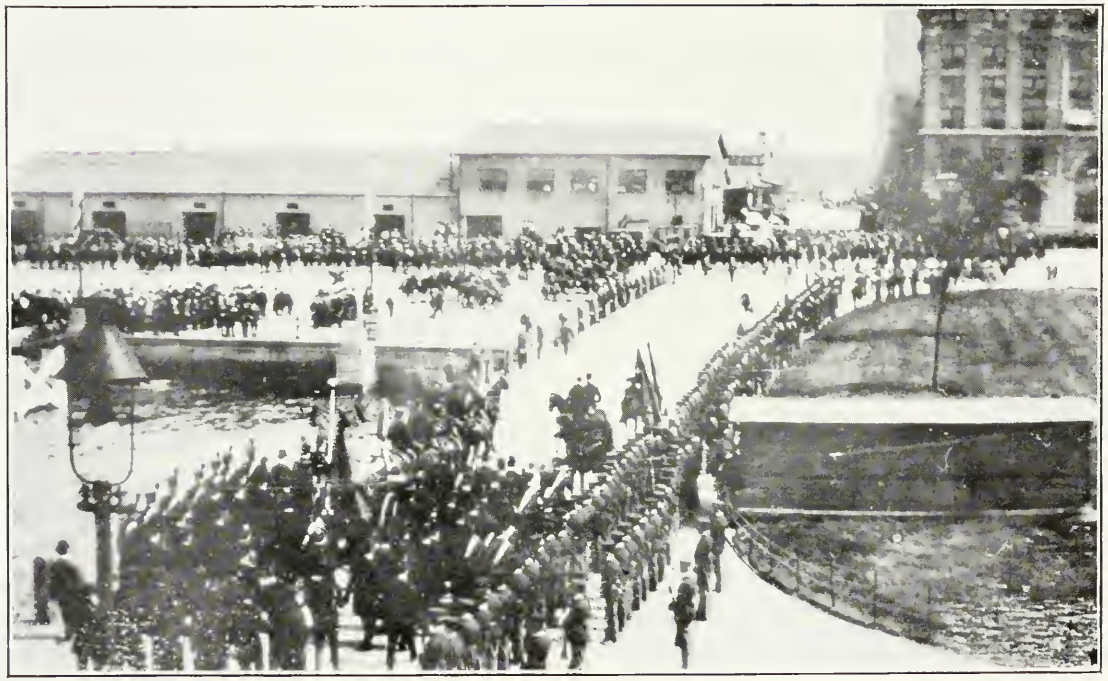
Such was George Clinton whose memory the nation, this State and the city of Kingston honor this day and it is certainly most fitting that his remains should find rest among the hills and on the banks of the majestic river where he was born, lived and performed his life's work.

May we of these latter days and those who seek our hospitable shores emulate the example set us by those men of iron purpose, rugged integrity and devoted patriotism. Like them, let us defend our rights and privileges under the constitution, national and state, against those who for private gain, political capital, corrupt purposes and selfish motives, would deprive us of them. It was well said and is as true today as then "that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

We need today in this year of our Lord 1908, just as much courage and determination in battling for our constitutional rights as did the men of '76 in their struggle against the yoke of oppression.

In behalf of the descendants of George Clinton, I desire to express their profound appreciation of the distinguished honor that the nation, the State of New York and the city of Kingston have just paid to the memory of their ancestor.

They desire also to convey to the citizens of Kingston their high appreciation and heart-felt thanks for the hospitable and cordial reception accorded them as guests of their city and the opportunity thus given them to



THE NEW YORK PROCESSION

Arranged by Mayor George B. McClellan to escort the body from the *Manhattan* to the City Hall

participate in the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of their city, a privilege greatly esteemed, for they indeed love and venerate the city of Kingston and environs. It was the natal place of the Clinton family and a place where man wrought great things by the help of God, in freedom's cause.

At the conclusion of Mr Taylor's address, Mr Brink said:

The success of this day as Memorial day above all other memorial days in the history of Kingston is due to the fact that this day George Clinton comes into his own again among the patriots who lie all around him. That this is so the executive committee rejoices, the committee on plan and scope rejoices, the city of Kingston rejoices and the State he made rejoices. All this rejoicing is predicated upon the fact that the descendants of George Clinton wished him to lie forever right here. All that is mortal of him is theirs. They desire to commit him to us. It is a high honor that we fully appreciate. We thank them for the confidence. It is pleasant that they are here in such full numbers. Through one of that number, the Hon. George Clinton Andrews of Tarrytown, they desire to commit him to the watch and ward of the minister, elders and deacons of the First Dutch Church. It is my privilege to introduce Mr Andrews.

Mr Andrews said:

To the Minister, Elders and Deacons of the Old Dutch Church, Kingston, New York:

It is fitting that as representatives of the descendants of George Clinton, we should commend the laudable efforts of the citizens of the city of Kingston, who have brought about the removal of the remains of our distinguished ancestor and have so conferred honor upon his worthy name and memory.

During the period of his life no one man did more for his country than he, whose remains have this day been laid in their last permanent resting place.

After having been interred in the Congressional Cemetery at Washington, where he died, while Vice President of the United States, nearly a century ago, he has been returned to you today and to his native state, for which as a soldier and statesman, his record is second to none, to be reinterred here, amid the scenes of his active and official life.

It is my high privilege, representing his descendants, to entrust to your sacred charge, subject to the rights of his descendants, all that remains of that great and distinguished statesman, our ancestor, George Clinton.

At the conclusion of Mr Andrews' committal, Doctor Van Slyke, on behalf of the consistory of the church, accepted the trust, and promised to keep in sacred custody the remains of Governor Clinton.

The benediction was pronounced by Chaplain Roswell Randall Hoes, representative of the family, as follows:

The peace of God which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

The committee of plan and scope, under whose direction these ceremonies were carried out in Kingston, is here given as a matter of record: Samuel D. Coykendall, James H. Everett, Herbert Carl, John H. Gregory, Frank A. Palen, Walter P. Crane, Gilbert D. B. Hasbrouck, Conrad Hiltebrant, James A. Betts, John G. Van Etten, Edward Coykendall, DuBois G. Atkins, William S. Green, Artemas W. Van Gaasbeek, Alphonso T. Clearwater, Reuben Bernard, Severyn B. Sharpe, John E. Kraft, Sylvester R. Shear, William H. Harrison, Griffin A. Hart, John F. Herbert, James Jenkins, William F. Rafferty, John N. Cordts, William D. Brinnier, Ogden F. Winne, W. Scott Gillespie, Jay E. Klock, John G. VanSlyke, Everett Fowler, John D. Schoonmaker, J. Graham Rose, Philip Elting, Sherman E. Eighmey, Sam Bernstein, Charles F. Cantine, John Forsyth, Benjamin M. Brink, Andrew N. Barnes, Joseph McLean, Elbert F. McFadden, Henry R. Brigham, Frank B. Matthews, Zadoc P. Boice, Alva S. Staples, Howard Myer, Virgil B. Van Wagonen, Edward Winter, Rodney B. Osterhoudt, Rodney A. Chipp, Christopher K. Loughran, Charles L. McBride, C. Gordon Reel, Palmer A. Canfield, Marks Jacobs, Weston H. Rider, William M. Davis, and Edward T. McGill. From this an executive committee was chosen consisting of Samuel D. Coykendall, James H. Everett, John E. Kraft, Herbert Carl, Reuben Bernard, Alphonso T. Clearwater, Benjamin M. Brink, William D. Brinnier, William S. Green, Conrad Hiltebrant, Walter P. Crane, John H. Gregory, C. Gordon Reel, Everett Fowler and DuBois G. Atkins.

At the ceremonies the twenty-six living descendants of Governor Clinton occupied a prominent place in the funeral cortege, and at the exercises at the grave and courthouse. Those in attendance were: George Clinton Genet, Louis Franklin Genet, William W. Genet, Albert Rivers Genet, Albert Rivers Genet, jr, R. Rodman Fox Genet, Edmond Charles Clinton Genet, William K. Genet, Wilkie Bloodgood, Walton Genet, Howard Genet, Albert Rivers Genet, 2d, Sutherland Gazzam Taylor,

AT KINGSTON

Forming the Clinton procession on Ferry street

Clinton Tallmadge Taylor, Sutherland Gazzam Taylor, jr, Joseph Sutherland Ackerman, Clinton Harold Ackerman, Herbert Lincoln Taylor, Clinton Mackie, Harry Overing Tallmadge, Hon. George Clinton Andrews, George Clinton Andrews, jr, Charles Clinton Andrews, Anastasio C. M. Azoy, Geoffry V. Azoy, Clinton Ney Genet.

On Clinton's monument now standing in the old graveyard at Kingston, the inscription reads:

TO THE MEMORY OF GEORGE CLINTON
HE WAS BORN IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK ON THE
26TH JULY, 1739, AND DIED AT THE CITY OF
WASHINGTON ON THE 20TH APRIL, 1812,
IN THE 73D YEAR OF HIS AGE.
HE WAS A SOLDIER AND STATESMAN OF THE
REVOLUTION, EMINENT IN COUNCIL, DISTINGUISHED
IN WAR. HE FILLED WITH UNEXAMPLED USEFULNESS,
PURITY AND ABILITY, AMONG MANY OTHER HIGH
OFFICES, THOSE OF GOVERNOR OF HIS
NATIVE STATE, AND VICE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES
WHILE HE LIVED, HIS VIRTUE, WISDOM, AND VALOR
WERE THE PRIDE, THE ORNAMENT AND SECURITY
OF HIS COUNTRY, AND WHEN HE DIED, HE
LEFT AN ILLUSTRIOUS EXAMPLE OF A
WELL SPENT LIFE, WORTHY OF ALL
IMITATION.
THIS MONUMENT IS AFFECTIONATELY
DEDICATED BY HIS CHILDREN.

Honored in life by his nation and his State, so was he also finally honored in death. Beside the picturesque and noble Hudson, for whose freedom he fought so successfully, so long and so well, home at last among his people, the great soldier-governor sleeps the sleep that knows no waking. In life his conduct, his character and his actions merited the approval of all men. In death, his monument in the quiet, quaint old graveyard in Kingston, must ever stand as a perpetual reminder to the present generation of one man's unselfish patriotism, unfeigned loyalty and sincere devotion to his State, his country and his God.

To this Index of the Public Papers of George Clinton must now be affixed the word "finis," for they are, by the action of fire and water indeed forever ended. Fortunately, however, the results of his acts for the State, his constructive deeds as its executive head, his martial achievements leading to its permanent and stable place in the galaxy of statehood's stars, like the circle once drawn, can have no ending or place of stopping. Living, he made history. Dead, we trust, these publications of his letters, through the proper use of these indexes, will ever show what manner of man he was, and the works done by him for his country and his Commonwealth.

AT REST

The monument in the old churchyard of the Reformed Dutch Church at Kingston

LIST OF PAPERS OF GOV. GEORGE CLINTON, 1773-1815, IN COLLECTIONS OTHER THAN THE NEW YORK STATE LIBRARY.

Key to abbreviations used in this list: Amer. Philo. Soc.— American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, Pa.; (Mrs W. B.) Beekman — Mrs W. B. Beekman, 14 E. 10th Street, New York City; Boston Pub. Lib.— Boston Public Library, Boston, Mass.; Buffalo Hist. Soc.— Buffalo Historical Society, Buffalo, N. Y.; Hist. Soc. Wis.— State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.; Mass. Arch.— Massachusetts Archives, State House, Boston, Mass.; Mass. Hist. Soc.— Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, Mass.; Newberry Lib.— Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill.; N. Y. Hist. Soc.— New York Historical Society, New York City; N. Y. Pub. Lib.— New York Public Library, New York City; Oneida Hist. Soc.— Oneida Historical Society, Utica, N. Y.; Westchester Co. Hist. Soc.— Westchester County Historical Society, White Plains, N. Y.

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N. Y. Pub. Lib.

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N. Y. Hist. Soc.

1776, July 22. Gov. Clinton. Council of War.
N. Y. Pub. Lib.

1776, Dec. 9. Gov. Clinton to Gen. Philip Schuyler.
N. Y. Hist. Soc.

1776, Dec. 29. Gov. Clinton to Gen. Philip Schuyler.
N. Y. Pub. Lib.

1777, Apr. 25. Col. John Hathorn to Gov. Clinton. Pay rolls for militia, etc.
Hist. Soc. Wis.

1777, Aug. 9. Gov. Clinton. A. D. S.
N. Y. Pub. Lib.

1777, Oct. 16. Gov. Clinton to Col. Lewis Dubois and Col. Samuel B. Webb.
N. Y. Pub. Lib.

1778, Mar. 6. Gov. Clinton to President of Massachusetts Council.
Mass. Arch.

1778, Mar. 18. Massachusetts Council to Gov. Clinton.
Mass. Arch.

1778, Apr. 8. Marinus Willett to Gov. Clinton.
Newberry Lib.

1778, Apr. 29. Marinus Willett to Gov. Clinton, Gen. Philip Schuyler and Justice John Jay.
Newberry Lib.

1778, Aug. 6. Gov. Clinton to President of Massachusetts Council.
Mass. Arch.

1778, Nov. 17. Gov. Clinton to Gen. Edward Hand.
Newberry Lib.

1779, Mar. 4. Gov. Clinton to Col. Wadsworth. Commissary matters.
Boston Pub. Lib.

1779, Apr. 21. Gov. Clinton to Rev. Isaac Rysdyck.
Westchester Co. Hist. Soc.

1779, July 6. Massachusetts Council to Gov. Clinton.
Mass. Arch.

1779, July 14. Gov. Clinton to President of Massachusetts Council.
Mass. Arch.

1779, Sep. 3. Gov. Clinton to Legislature.
N. Y. Pub. Lib.

1779, Nov. 8. Gov. Clinton to Col. Udny Hay.
Amer. Philo. Soc.

1779, Nov. 20. Gen. Clinton to Peter T. Curtenius.
N. Y. Pub. Lib.

1780, Feb. 23. Gov. Clinton to President of Massachusetts Council.
Mass. Arch.

1780, Mar. 11. Gov. Clinton to President of Massachusetts Council.
Mass. Arch.

1780, Mar. 11. Gov. Clinton to M. Weare.
Mass. Hist. Soc.

1780, June 14. Gov. Clinton to Gen. Philip Schuyler.
N. Y. Pub. Lib.

1780, June 14. Gov. Clinton to Brig. Gen. James Clinton, Enclosure.
N. Y. Hist. Soc.

1781, June 11. Gov. Clinton to Brig. Gen. James Clinton.
N. Y. Hist. Soc.

1781, Aug. 5. Gov. Clinton to Assistant Quartermaster General, Fishkill Landing.
N. Y. Pub. Lib.

1781, Aug. 7. Gov. Clinton to Brig. Gen. James Clinton.
N. Y. Pub. Lib.

1781, Aug. 14. Gov. Clinton to Gen. Philip Schuyler.
N. Y. Pub. Lib.

1781, Sept. 14. Gov. Clinton to Gen. Philip Schuyler.
N. Y. Pub. Lib.

1781, Oct. 13. Gov. Clinton to Gen. Philip Schuyler.
N. Y. Pub. Lib.

1781, Oct. 29. Gov. Clinton to Lord Stirling.
N. Y. Pub. Lib.

1782, Aug. 4. Gov. Clinton to Gov. John Hancock, Inclosures.
Mass. Arch.

1782, Oct. 5. Gov. Clinton to Maj. Gen. Henry Knox.
Mass. Hist. Soc.

1782, Oct. 14. Gov. Clinton to Gen. Philip Schuyler.
N. Y. Pub. Lib.

1783, June 23. Gov. Clinton to Col. Marinus Willett.
N. Y. Pub. Lib.

1783, Nov. 9. Maj. Gen. Henry Knox to Gov. Clinton.
Mass. Hist. Soc.

1783, Nov. 13. Gov. Clinton to Maj. Gen. Henry Knox.
Mass. Hist. Soc.

1783, Nov. 13. Maj. Gen. Henry Knox to Gov. Clinton.
Mass. Hist. Soc.

1783, Nov. 28. Gov. Clinton to Maj. Gen. Henry Knox.
Mass. Hist. Soc.

1783, Dec. 4. Maj. Gen. Henry Knox to Gov. Clinton.
Mass. Hist. Soc.

1783, Dec. 18. Gov. Clinton to Maj. Gen. Henry Knox.
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1783, Dec. 22. Maj. Gen. Henry Knox to Gov. Clinton.
Mass. Hist. Soc.

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Mass. Hist. Soc.

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Mass. Hist. Soc.

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Mass. Hist. Soc.

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(Mrs W. B.) Beekman

1784, Apr. 10. Gov. Clinton to Gen. Philip Schuyler.
N. Y. Pub. Lib.

1784, May 10. Gen. Haldimand to Gov. Clinton.
Mass. Hist. Soc.

1784, June 12. Gov. Clinton and James Duane to Benjamin Franklin. Introducing Lt. Col. Matthew Clarkson, whose business in Europe is to solicit donations for The University of the State of New York.
Amer. Philo. Soc.

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(Mrs W. B.) Beekman

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N. Y. Hist. Soc.

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N. Y. Pub. Lib.

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N. Y. Pub. Lib.

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(Mrs W. B.) Beekman

1794, Jan. 14. Gov. Clinton to Legislature.
N. Y. Pub. Lib.

1794, Jan. 15. Gov. Clinton to Legislature.
N. Y. Pub. Lib.

1794, Mar. 18. Gov. Clinton to Legislature.
Newberry Lib.

1795, Apr. 10. Gov. Clinton to Gen. Philip Schuyler.
N. Y. Pub. Lib.

1800, June 19. Gov. Clinton to Tobias Lear.
N. Y. Pub. Lib.

1802, Mar. 2. Gov. Clinton to Legislature.
N. Y. Pub. Lib.

1802, Mar. 16. Gov. Clinton to Legislature.
Mass. Hist. Soc.

1804, Feb. 8. Gov. Clinton to Legislature.
N. Y. Pub. Lib.

1807, Oct. 5. Clinton to Samuel Owens.
N. Y. Pub. Lib.

1808, Feb. 15. Clinton to W. B. Tallmadge.
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Oneida Hist. Soc.

STATE OF THE CLINTON PAPERS AFTER THE FIRE

The following extract from the State Library Report for 1911 is important:

George Clinton papers, 1763-1844. 52 v. These papers of the man who was Governor of the State, with a single intermission, from 1777 to 1804 contained material of great value for a history of the State in the Revolution and during the quarter century following; there were also business papers relating to lands throughout the parts of the State then settled in which various members of the Clinton family were interested. This collection suffered very severely and out of the entire number of volumes only ten were saved in fair condition; of a few other volumes we have fragments. With exceptions, the papers for 1775-81 (volumes 1-14) were printed by the State Historian as volumes 1-7, and about one-fifth of the papers for 1782-85 (volumes 15-20) as volume 8 of the Public Papers of George Clinton, Albany 1899-1904.

The salvage from these papers can be indicated in a more particular manner. In a number of instances the manuscripts which escaped destruction are about one-half the total which the volume contained. The manuscript volumes represented by documents which remain are the following: 1 (1763-76), 2 (1777), 3 (1777), 4 (1778), 5 (1778), 8 (1779), 9 (1780), 10 (1780), 11 (1780), 12 (1781), 13 (1781), 14 (1781), 16 (1782), 18 (1783), 21 (1786-87), 27 (1802-3), 28 (1803-4), 29 (1805-8), 30 (1809-10), 31 (1811-13), 32 (1813-14), 33 (1815-17), 35, miscellaneous (1755-1804).

Manuscript volumes 9-14 are very nearly complete; of 27, about 100 papers were saved; 31-33 are nearly complete; of 35, more than half is saved. A number of unbound papers are saved; likewise four Clinton account books, for 1758-70, 1777-88, 1788-93, 1794-1800.

PRINTED MATERIAL USED IN BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF GOVERNOR CLINTON, OR REFERRING TO HIM

It seems passing strange that so great a figure in our national and State history as General, Governor, and Vice President George Clinton has, as yet, never found a biographer.

Library shelves are glutted with lives of Washington, Hamilton, Schuyler, Franklin, Burr, Jefferson, Madison, and other contemporaries;

nearly every general of note in the Revolutionary War has had at least one volume devoted to his praises and deeds; but nowhere, gathered together in one convenient and compendious work, is told the story of one of New York's ablest sons.

It is to be hoped that this index may be the means of placing before some aspiring historian facilities for preparing such a biography as this statesman, soldier and hero deserves.

The following sketches and references, gathered from various sources, are given in the hope that they may be of use to someone who shall desire to write such a work as that of which I have here indicated the need.

ROUGH BIBLIOGRAPHY OF CLINTON MATERIAL

It should be understood that this is by no means a complete list of works containing references to George Clinton.

When a man has for over half a century filled as many places of public trust and responsibility, civil and military, as did this distinguished son of Ulster county, it is to be expected that his name will appear frequently both in the general histories of our country and those treating specifically of his own State.

This list, then, is just what it purports to be, a rough bibliography of such works as have been consulted in the Clinton index matter from time to time, or those examined for details relating to his life and death.

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